

Welcome

These reading lists are a selection of titles available in the Senior School Library and are intended for students' and parents' guidance. They aim to include a range of genres and writing styles to engage, interest and perhaps challenge students to broaden their reading choices. With well over 6000 children's books published in the UK alone every year, it is often difficult to identify quality writing so these lists are an attempt to guide you towards the best available.

The list should be used with discretion. If you feel the list for your particular age group does not include titles at the appropriate level for your reading age and ability level you may wish to select from the list intended for a younger or older level. However, the main aim of these lists is to encourage an enjoyment of reading and to introduce you to books you may not have considered reading.

Reading broadens horizons, helps develop written and spoken vocabulary and spelling, aids in the development of empathy, expands one's thinking and imagination and may introduce you to new ideas and worlds. It's one of life's fundamental skills and pleasures.

We look forward to assisting you on your learning journey as you take advantage of the wonderful collection we are developing for you and know you will benefit by using this carefully curated guide to reading growth.

The Library & English Staff

KEY STAGE 3

FANTASY - DYSTOPIC - GOTHIC

Title	Author	Read
A Monster Calls **	Ness, Patrick	
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin	
Darren Shan (Series)	Shan, Darren	
Flawed	Ahern, Cecelia	
His Dark Materials (Trilogy); The Book Of Dust	Pullman, Phillip	
Millions	Boyce, Frank C.	
Mortal Engines (Series)	Reeves, Philip	
My Sword Hand Is Singing	Sedgwick, Marcus	
Noughts And Crosses (Series)	Blackman, Malorie	
Skellig	Almond, David	
The Girl Who Drank The Moon	Barnhill, Kelly	
The Hobbit; Lord Of The Rings	Tolkien, J.R.R.	
The Hunger Games (Series)	Collins, Suzanne	
The Knife Of Never Letting Go	Ness, Patrick	

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INSPIRED BY HISTORY

Title	Author	Read
Coram Boy	Galvin, Jamila	
Flamingo Boy	Morpurgo, Michael	
Private Peaceful	Morpurgo, Michael	
Salt to the Sea	Sepetys, Ruta	
The Book Thief **	Zusak, Markus	
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Boyle, John	

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REALISTIC

Title	Author	Read
Face	Zephaniah, Benjamin	
Heroes	Cormier, Robert	
Looking for JJ	Cassidy, Anne	
My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece	Pitcher, Anabel	
Refugee	Gratz, Alan	
Refugee Boy	Zephaniah, Benjamin	
The Catcher in the Rye	Salinger, J.D	
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole **	Townsend, Sue	
Welcome to Nowhere	Lard, Elizabeth	

SCI-FI

Title	Author	Read
Ender's Game	Card, Orson Scott	
The Humans	Haig, Matt	
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Adams, Douglas	
The War of the Worlds	Wells, H.G.	-

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ADVENTURE - MYSTERY - THRILLER

Title	Author	Read
20 Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Verne, Jules	
Holes	Sachar, Louis	
Paper Towns	John Green	
Saint Death **	Sedgwick, Marcus	
The Astounding Broccoli Boy	Boyce, Frank C.	
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time	Haddon, Mark	
The Hundred Year Old Man	Jonasson, John	
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson)	Riordan, Rick	
The Other Side of the Truth	Naidoo, Beverly	
The Stuff of Nightmares **	Blackman, Malorie	
The Thing about Jellyfish	Benjamin, Ali	
Turtles All the Way Down	Green, John	
Up from the Sea	Lowitz, Leza	
Young Sherlock (series)	Lane, Andrew	

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CLASSIC FICTION

Title	Author	Read
Animal Farm	Orwell, George	
David Copperfield, Oliver Twist	Dickens, Charles	
Little Women	Alcott, Lousia	
Lord of the Flies	Golding, William	
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Doyle, Conan	
The Woman in Black	Hill, Susan	

NON-FICTION

Title	Author	Read
A Small History of Nearly Everything; Notes from a Small Island	Bryson, Bill	
Boy: Tales of Childhood	Dahl, Roald	
Chinese Cinderella	Yen Mah, Adeline	
The Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne	

SOME GREAT POEMS

Title	Author	Read
As Kingfishers Catch Fire; Carrion Comfort	Hopkins, Gerard Manley	
If	Kipling, Rudyard	
The Schoolboy; To the Evening Star	Blake, William	
Pigtail	Rozewicz, Tadeusz	
The Orange	Cope, Wendy	
Who's for the Game?	Pope, Jessie	
Warming Her Pearls; Text	Duffy, Carol Ann	

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